PRESIDENT M'KINLEY MAY TAKE ACTION.

Reports of American Consuls in Cuba to the State Department Indicate a Most Deplorable State of Affairs-Hundreds of American Citizens in Direst Distress.

WASHINGTON, May 14.-There was a sudden and violent outbreak of Cuban sentiment yesterday at the capitol, and during the early hours the drift of opinion was strongly toward speedy and radical action by both Congress and the executive, but later there was somewhat of a reaction upon its becoming known that the President, while keenly alive to the situation and anxious to learn everything possible that could guide his conduct of our Cuban and Spanish relations, felt that further information was necessary, and that for the immediate present the question was not one of recognition of the belligerency or independence of the Cuban insurgents, but of relief for the American citizens destitute and helpless in the towns of the Queen of the Antilles.

The event of the day was a report to their colleagues by the sub-committee of the foreign relations committee which examined the state department Cuban reports This statement. though not given to the public, was so far disclosed in character as to give rise to a good deal of excited comment among senators and members. The report, based upon facts, presented by the United States consuls in Cuba, it is said, brings out in strong language the destitution which exists not only among the Cubans, but among the Americans and pacificos now on the island, who were driven from their farms and into the towns by Weyler's orders and thereby prevented from supporting themselves.

The report was prepared by Senators Davis and Foraker, the Republican members of the subcommittee: Senator Morgan, the Democratic member, declining to participate in it. The report confirms the newspaper reports as to the situation of affairs in the island, and even goes farther in depicting a deplorable situation than do most of the newspaper stories. Especial stress is laid upon the condition of American citizens in the island, of whom it is positively stated that there are hundreds in a starving condition and most wretchedly clothed. Deaths of Americans from starvation are daily reported are scattered in all parts of the island and are shown no consideration whatever because of their American citizenship. They are generally persons who reside on the plantations, but who have been driven from their homes to the towns, and who, being among strangers and without employment, are compelled to subsist on almost nothing. They are not allowed to return to their plantations, even to pick berries or secure the least article of subsistence. They are theoretically under the care of the Spanish army, but the army is without a commissariat. They have no means of leaving the island. Their condition is pro-nounced wholly deplorable.

FRANK BACON DEAD.

The Kansas Democratic Leader and Ex-Official Heart Disease's Victim-

ARKANSAS CITY, Kan., May 14.-Colonel Frank Bacon of Chanute is dead at Geuda Springs of heart disease.

Colonel Bacon was the candidate for lieutenant governor when Governor Glick was elected (1882); was register of the Oberlin land office during President Cleveland's first term, and succeeded John Richardson as chairman of the Democratic state central committee.

Ore Prices Booming.

JOPLIN, Mo., May 15 .- Hot competition among ore buyers has again advanced the price of ore, causing great stir and excitement throughout the district and hastening the opening of new mines. Big dividends are being declared among mine owners, and lively times are anticipated if the prices keep up. Zinc ore is in great demand at \$23.50 per ton and lead ore at \$20 per 1,000 pounds. The Joplin Prospecting company declared a dividend of 200 per cent last week, and another dividend of 100 per cent this

For Slaying His Son.

SEDALIA, Mo., May 15 .- Eddie Brink, the 14-year-old son of W. N. Brink, a well-known Kansas Seventh Day Adventist, was shot and killed yesterday morning on Muddy creek, west of town. The circumstances of the killing were so suspicious that the father of the boy was arrested and lodged in jail, pending an investigation. Brink for a number of years resided at Louisville, Kan., three miles north of Wamego, where he was engaged in the hotel and butcher business.

No Universal Postage Stamp. WASHINGTON, May 15 .- The movement to secure the adoption of a universal stamp by the Postal congress has collapsed. There are too many difficulties (the chief being that of currency fluctuation) in the way, and the general committee after considering the subject briefly abandoned it as impracticable and will make an adverse report to the congress.

South Australia Much Shaken.

London, May 15.- A special dispatch from Melbourne, Victoria, says no fewer than ninety earthquake shocks have been felt in South Australia during the last three days. The subterranean disturbances were particularly severe at Kingston, where buildings were damaged.

Is He Gotham's "Strangler?" New York, May 14.-In a peddler named Joseph Taller, or Talt, the po-lice think they have found the man who caused the death of several dissolute women within the last year.

Hanged Near Rosebud, Texas, for Attempting to Assault a White Girl.

ROSEBUD, Texas, May 15. - Last night three negroes, Dave Cotton, Henry Williams and Sabe Stewart, were taken from the officers of the law and hanged. They had been confined in the jail here several days on a charge of attempted as sault, their intended victim being a daughter of William Coates, white. Yesterday evening Williams made a confession. Deputy Constable Wilson had put a strong guard around the jail last night. Everything was quiet until about 12 o'clock, when a number of men, heavily disguised, rode up to the jail and demanded the prisoners. guard refused to deliver them, and the crowd retired, saving it would blow the jail up with dynamite or have the prisoners. Immediately the officers and guards summoned a bus and entered it with their prisoners, leaving by a roundabout route to Martin, hoping to reach the Post Oaks in time to elude the mob. When about three miles east of here, they were overtaken by about 1,000 masked men, who overpowered them, took the prisoners, and hanged them to a tree, after which the mob quietly retired. Their victim identified one of them and his confessison implicated the

TEXAS TRAIN ROBBERY.

Southern Pacific Held Up by Three Masked Men, Who Made a Good Haul-

SAN ANTONIO, Texas, May 15 .- The west-bound Southern Pacific passenger train was held up by masked men and robbed about 250 miles west of here early yesterday morning. As the train pulled out of the little town of Lozier three men jumped on the platpointing pistols at form, and, the engineer and fireman, compelled the former to stop the train about one and a half miles west of town. After forcing the doors of the express car in, one of the robbers entered the car and dynamited the two safes of the Wells-Fargo Express company. Both the through and the local safes were opened and the contents secured. The local safe contained about \$2,000 or \$3,000. The amount secured from the through safe is unknown, but it is believed it will not fall below \$7,000 or \$8,000. The express car was badly wrecked by the force of the explosion of the dynamite. Officers are in pursuit of the robbers,

ANOTHER AIRSHIP TEST. Professor Barnard Travels Twelve Miles on His Flying Machine.

who went north. It is claimed they

are part of a gang that came into this

section recently from New Mexico.

NASHVILLE, Tenn., May 15 .- After much difficulty in getting off vesterday afternoon at 7 o'clock, Professor Barnard attempted another voyage with his airship. It sailed aloft rapidly, and as Professor. Barnard vigorously worked the bicycle pedals of his steering and propelling attachment, the airship turned around several times, but was drifting with the wind. It passed over the centennial grounds, floated rapidly over the city at a high altitude in a northeasterly direction, and passed in the gather At about 7:45 o'clock the machine late precedent to limit debate on the landed near Madison, about twelve miles east of this city. Professor Barnard says of this trial trip: "I find on francs I can manipulate the machine right or left, even in a light wind. This is cer-tain. I cannot go directly against a wind of eight miles an hour with muscular power, as at present arranged, but by cutting across obliquely, I can make progress in the direction de-

Further trips, with changes in apparatus, will be made.

FLORIDA'S NEW SENATOR. Stephen R. Mallory, Son of the Confed-

erate Naval Secretary, Elected. TALLAHASSEE, Fla., May 15. - Stephen

R. Mallory was elected United States senator to-day on the twenty-fifth ballot. The vote was Mallory 53, Chipley 44, Call I. Chipley led during the roll call, but the changing of votes gave the election to Mallory.

The new senator is the son of the late Stephen B. Mallory, who was elected United State, renator from Florida in 1861, on the secession of his state. He was appointed secretary of the Confederate navy by Jefferson Davis, and is given the credit for the creation of the navy for the Confederate government.

Senator Mallory spoke before a arge gathering in the House of Representa-tives. He said that he indorsed all of the planks of the Chicago platform, dwelling particularly on the financial question, and advocating the free coinage of silver at the ratio of 16 to 1, regardless of foreign countries. He did not express decided views on the tariff.

THE A. P. A. AFTER VEST.

Impeachment of the Missourian De-

manded for Attacking Teachers. Washington, May 15.—The supreme council of the American Protective Association adopted resolutions to-day condemning and denouncing Senator Vest of Missouri for assertions that teachers in the Indian service were broken down preachers and teachers to whom the Catholic priests were far superior; and calling on the Senate to impeach Mr. Vest on the allegation that he was not truly American in his views.

The council fixed upon this city as its next annual meeting place.

State Senator Wallack Dead. ATCHISON, Kan., May 13. - State Senator B. F. Wallack died at his home at Effingham last night of heart disease, after an illness of only a few days. He was a pioneer in this section and had been prominent in Republican politics

A Wife's Affections Valued at \$2,500. LAWRENCE, Kan., May 14.-The jury in the case of M. S. Rice vs John Porter 'awarded to the plaintiff \$2.500 flamages. The suit was brought against Porter by Rice for alienation of his wife's affections.

Minister Buck, envoy to Japan, has been ordered to stop a week in Honolulu en route to Tokio.

The M. S. U. land grant case probably will not be decided for some time. The inquiry is proceeding.

The resolution summoning Broker Chapman before the bar of the Senate was referred to the judiciary commit-

Secretary Alger will not authorize work by the Port Arthur Canal com-

pany, nor will he interfere with it at President McKinley has decided to decline all Decoration day invitations.

A full-blooded Nez Perces Indian is under arrest in Washington on a charge of forgery.

The President has nominated Brigadier General Forsythe to succeed Wheaton as major general.

The Senate passed bills appropriating \$1,500,000 for a public building at Indianapolis, Ind., and \$200,000 for one at Deadwood, S. D.

Henry L. Lee of Moberly, Mo., mem-ber of the city council, shot himself. Commander Booth-Tucker of the Salvation Army has been indicted in New York because of the noise made in the barracks. W. J. Calhoun has arrived at Ha-

vana. Weyler has left for the field. Transvaal's answer to Great Britain's ultimatum is defiant in tone and suggests arbitration.

Typhoon II. won the Kentucky Derby from Ornament in the mud. The race was slow and disappointing. Ornament was poorly ridden.

A man's corpse is among the unclaimed baggage in New York.

A. B. Patricks & Co.'s tannery in San Francisco burned. Loss, \$425,000. Twenty soldiers are to ride by bicycle from Fort Missoula, Mont., to St.

Miss Nettie M. Leib, an insurance agent of Akron, Ohio, committed suiside rather than face a charge of em-Nellie Smith and Mandy White, negro

women, were lynched at Jeff, Ala., for poisoning Joshua Kelly by putting Rough On Rats in his biscuits. The legal department at Washing-

ton has decided that a permit can be granted for dredging a channel through Sabine lake. This is a victory for the Port Arthur people. John Ray of Carlisle county, Kentucky, is in southeastern Missouri

hunting for a white man to kill him for complicity in the killing of Ray's two daughters and for which I. Seay Miller, a negro, was lynched. Some of the heirs of James Clatcher, for years a merchant of Mexico, Mo., who left about \$25,000, have brought

suit to break his will, claiming that he was of unsound mind and was under the influence of his wife, who profited most by it. Denmark's ministry has resigned.

The Honduras revolution has ended. Mile. Yvette Guilbert has become Irs. Dr. Max Schiller. Omaha's new mayor has been seated

by the courts. Tea prices are moving up on account

Ex-Governor Porter of Indiana left an estate worth \$300,000.

C. M. Barnes was promptly confirmed as governor of Oklahoma. Vice President Hobart will not

The Rothschilds family gave 1,000, 000 francs to the charity bazaar fund

in Paris. Emperor William of Germany gave \$2,000 to the Paris charity bazaar man-

The J. R. Dayton Table company building at Quincy, Ill., burned; loss

As the result of recent elections the Liberals are now in full control in

Canada. Illinois inheritance tax law has been declared constitutional by the state supreme court.

Williams, Brown & Co., wholesale shipping merchants of San Francisco, have failed for half a million. Cattle from east of the Mississippi

river are being shipped into the pas-

tures in the Indian territory. After October 1 the use of No. 3 spring wheat as a contract grade on

the Chicago market will be discontinued. William Charvet, a farmer living

northeast of Guthaie, Okla., was killed by lightning while measuring wheat. James U. Fonda got judgment against the Twin City Rapid Transit company at St. Paul for \$17,640 for loss

Theosophists have bought a tract of land a mile square at San Diego, Cal., and will erect hotels, sanitariums, temples, etc.

The Rumford Falls (Me.) Paper Co. is putting in the largest paper machine in the world, one that will produce paper 150 inches wide.

Peter Miner, a one-legged veteran from Manhattan, Kan., aged 50, stole a horse and buggy and eloped with a 15-year-old girl near Perry, Okla., and was given eighteen months in the 'pen" for his fun.

A convention of Modern Woodmen

of America at Clinton, Iowa, charged the head officers of the concern with extravagance and other misdeeds. Fulton, Ill., won its contest in court for the headquarters of the order. Fred J. Cunningham, an Atlanta,

Ja., society favorite, is accused of highway robbery and assault with intent to kill Merchant Charles A. Stanford.

Lee Norris, assistant district attorney at Phoenix, Arizona, died from wounds inflicted by escaping prisoners and they wall be lynched if caught.

Chess Expert Pillsbury has been asked to coach the Congressional team that will play members of the British Commons.

A. W. Tourgee of New York has been appointed consul to Bordeaux,

Ex-Congressman Henry P. Cheat-nam (colored), of North Carolina, has peen nominated for recorder of deeds

NEWS BOILED DOWN. PLATT FOR COMMANDER.

Kingston Man Placed at the Head of

the Missouri G. A. R. WARRENSBURG, Mo., May 15 .- The sixteenth annual encampment of the Missouri department, G. A. R., closed last night, after a most successful

meeting of two days. John P Platt of Kingston was elected department commander. The other officers elected are as follows: Senior vice commander, Charles N. Morgan of Lamar; junior vice commander. William Lowe of Warrensburg; chaplain, W. H. Hagerty of St. Louis; medical examiner, Dr. S. W. Burrill of Kansas

The encampment reduced the adjutant general's salary from \$1,600 to \$1,200 a year, made the inspector a non-salaried officer and abolished the transfer fee when a veteran moves from another division to Missouri.

The Sons of Veterans elected the following officers: Division commander, E. E. Shoening; senior vice commander, F. R. Burns; junior vice commander, J. W. S. Dillon; quartermaster, Ludwig Hesse; deleg e-atlarge to national convention, Webster Davis: alternate, R. J. Ramer.

Officers of the Woman's Relief Corps were chosen as follo vs: Mary Birds eye of Nevada, president; Alma D. Houts of Warrensburg, senior vice president; Miss S. Bell Leaman of St. Louis, junior vice president; Mary H. Shepherd of Brookfield, treasurer.

AN EDITOR FIRED UPON.

State Senator McMullin of Arkansas Tries to Shoot Colonel Smithee.

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., May 15. - State Senator Robert McMullin of Yell county went to the office of Colonel J. N. Smithee, editor of the Arkansas Gazette, this morning and, drawing a upon the Greek positions revolver, demanded an apology for an editorial utterance made by the latter in regard to the senator's action in defeating the railroad commission bill.

When this was not forthcoming Mc-Mullin fired point blank at the colowho sprang to his feet and struck McMullin's arm, causing the bullet to

miss his body by a few inches. McMullin was taken to jail, but later released on bail.

Great Decrease in Immigration. WASHINGTON, May 15 .- The returns received by the immigration bureau chief, Edhem Pasha, is again concenduring the last several months show a marked falling off in the number of arrivals. During the nine months ended March 31, there were 143,941, as compared with 209,630 for the same period in 1894. During April the de crease at New York alone was 11,439, and during the first eleven days in the present month 10,800. Commissioner General Stump estimates that the decrease for the entire country during the fiscal year ending June 30 will not be less than 93,000.

General Forsythe Retires.

WASHINGTON, May 15. - Major General James B. Forsythe, commanding the Department of California, was placed on the retired list yesterday, on his own application. He was confirmed in his present rank Thursday. The nomination of his successor as major general will go to the Senate Monday, and it is the common understanding that Brigadier General Bliss, commanding the Department of Texas, will receive the nomination

Mine Superintendent Beaten.

LOUISVILLE, Col., May 15 .- Four hundred coal miners marched over to the Rex mines, took Superintendent Hutchinson out of the office and gave him a severe beating. After this a number of hotheads proposed to wreck the mine, but better counsel prevailed. The trouble arose over a contract that was let by the Rex people to twentyfive miners to handle the output of the

Letter Causes a Shooting.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., May 15 .- J. W. Kesner, Missouri Pacific station agent at Lake City, a small town ten miles east of Independence, was shot and probably fatally wounded by Lamartine Hudspeth at 11 o'clock yesterday. Hudspeth is a wealthy farmer living near Lake City. The shooting was the result of a quarrel which grew out of the receipt of an anonymous letter by Kesner on Thursday.

Wanamaker on Political Depravity.

PHILADELPHIA, May 15.—Ex-Post-master General John Wanamaker, at a banquet of the Business Men's League, made a remarkable speech on national and state politics. After commenting on the failure of promised prosperity to appear in consequence of President McKinley's election, Mr. Wanamaker said that the low state to which the political religion of the nation was brought by unscrupulous bosses must eventually result in a new

Mrs. Mayes Acquitted.

OLATHE, Kan., May 15. - The jury in the case of the state vs. Nancy Jane Mayes, charged with the murder of Anna Belle Williams, ca 12-year-old girl, in the western part of the county. last December, returned a verdict at 7:30 last evening of not guilty, after being out since noon. An enthusiastic outburst of applause followed the reading of the verdict.

Bristow Breaks Records. WASHINGTON, May 14 .- "Headsman" Bristow went far above the high water

mark to-dar, appointing 140 fourth

class postmasters. No Change for Foley. LIBERTY, Mo., May 15.—The application of William S. Foley for a change of venue to another county was heard before Judge Broaddus to-day, and after nearly forty witnesses had been examined as to whether they thought

the judge refused to grant the application.

Foley could receive a fair trial here.

Judge Lowelt Dead.

Boston, May 15.—Judge John Lowell, the distinguished jurist and author, died at his home in Brooklyn shortly after 4 o'clock this morning.

DESPERATE FIGHTING

GREEKS ATTACK TURKISH FORCES IN EPIRUS.

Meet Stubborn Resistance - Are Trying to Capture Nicopolis and Prevesa-This Renewal of Hostilities Likely to Complicate the Peace Negotiations.

ARTA, May 15 .- Desperate fighting nas been in progress all day near Griboro, on the road to Phillipidia. Two brigades of Greeks, with many guns, two companies of sappers and a squadron of cavalry attacked the Turks, who were almost without artillery. The Greeks forced the first Turkish line of defense, but met with a stubborn resistance at the second. In several places the bayonets were so close to the cannon that the former could not

At 9 p. m. the fighting had ceased and the Greeks had occupied various heights in the neighborhood. Twenty-five officers and forty men are hors de combat.

Since 4 p. m. the gunboat flotilla has been attacking Nicopolis from inside the Gulf of Ambraesia, with a simultaneous attack proceeding from the land side. The Turkish batteries replied vigorously and firmly resisted the attack. The coming on of darkness

stopped the engagement. All the Greek efforts are now concentrated upon capturing Nicopolis and Prevesa before advancing to Pen-

ATHENS, May 15. - Advices from the headquarters of the Greek army at Dokomos announce that the Turkish

forces are executing movements which are believed to foreshadow an attack It is reported that the Turkish left wing has evacuated Almyros and is moving towards Pharsalos, to the

right rear of the place, and it is further stated that General Smolenski, commanding the Greek right wing, has reoccupied Almyros and has restored telegraphic communication with the Greek headquarters. Unless the rearward movement of

the Turks is the result of the action of the powers, it is believed to indicate that the Turkish commander-intrating his troops, preparatory to making a general attack upon the main Greek stronghold. CONSTANTINOPLE, May 15 .- The Turk-

ish government in its reply to the note from ambassadors of the powers, offering mediation between Turkey and Greece, says the sultan will be in a position to discuss the mediation after the greater Bairam festival, which began Thursday and ends Sunday night. LONDON, May 15 .- The correspondent of the Times at Athens says:

"The resumption of offensive operations in Epirus greatly complicates the situation and tends to hamper the negotiations for peace. The evident intention of the Greek commanders is to capture the Turkish positions there in order to show that they have not been

DURRANT'S LAST PLEA.

Claims That Another Man Has Confessed to the Church Murders.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., May 15 .- Theodore Durrant, under death sentence for the Emanuel Baptist church murders, through his attorneys, asked Governor Budd to-day to pardon him on the ground that the real murderer of Blanche Lamont had at last confessed his crime.

The lawyers declare they have not been hoaxed, nor is it their purpose to impose upon the executive. They insist that in John Rosenberg, a convict in San Quentin prison, they have found the man who is guilty of at least one of the Emanuel Baptist church mur-

Rosenberg has made a sworn confession before a notary public and in the presence of several witnesses that he killed Blanche Lamont at the instigation of a stranger and in consideration of the payment of \$700 for his

Rosenburg came from Hamburg to San Francisco on the British steamer Hospidar, arriving in San Francisco on November 6, 1895, six months after the Emanuel church murders. An investigation will probably be made to ascertain if possible what led to Rosenberg's alleged confession. He was committed to San Quentin on April 17, 1897, ten days after Durrant arrived

If external appearances go for anything, Governor Budd was not favorably impressed by the arguments advanced by Durrant's attorneys.

Pingreo's Pet Bill Killed.

LANSING, Mich., May 15 .- The Senate yesterday killed the Merriam bill, as amended by the House. The bill as originally passed by the Senate increased the taxes upon railroad earnings by about \$180,000. The House amended it so as to raise these taxes to upwards of \$770,000.

Reward for Old Kansas Criminals. TOPEKA, Kan., May 15.-Governor Leedy has offered a reward of \$100 for the arrest of William Van Orman and others charged with the murder of Cashier Lewis and the robbery of the bank of Waverly, January 27, 1893.

More Honor for Mr. Davis.

WASHINGTON, May 15.-Assistant Secretary of the Interior Webster Davis has been invited by the local G. A. R. organizations of Washington to deliver the Memorial day address at Arlington, the national cemetery.

Secretary Gage's Assistant.

WASHINGTON, May 15. - The nomination of Mr. Frank A. Vanderlip, of Chicago, as assistant secretary of the treasury, to succeed Mr. Scott Wike, will be sent to the Senate next Mon-

REVIEW OF TRADE.

Comparative Calm at a Time When a

General Revival Was Expected. New York, May 15.-Bradstreet's says: "The unexpected falling off in the request for staple goods within a month has resulted in a period of comparative calm at a time when a general revival in demand had been looked for. Wholesalers report that the volume of business consists of filling orders, even Chicago not claiming more than to have held its own in volume of goods distributed. Interior merchants continue to buy for nearby wants only, and in many directions farmers are too busy with field work to supply their wants at the country

"There are 251 business failures reported throughout the United States this week, compared with 228 last week, 265 in the corresponding week one year ago, and 210 two years ago. 186 three years ago, and as compared with 255 in a like period of 1892."

MISS LANGTRY DIVORCED.

California Court Releases the Ex-English Beauty and Actress from Her Bonds.

LAKEPORT, Cal., May 15 .- Emilie harlotte Langtry, known throughout two hemispheres as the "Jersey Lily," ex-English professional beauty and actress, has secured a divorce from her English husband in the Lake county superior court, on the ground of desertion, Langtry not making a con-

100 SOLDIERS KILLED.

Terrible Disaster Befalls a Millitary

Train on a Russian Railway. St. Petersburg, May 15 .- A terrible railway disaster befell the military train last evening between Rockenhoff and Eliva on the Valki Jurjev line. Sixteen cars were smashed. Two officers and nearly 109 soldiers were killed and sixty others were seriously injured.

Asylum Superintendents Named. TOPEKA, Kan., May 15 .- The trus-

tees of the state board of charitable institutions elected W. H. Toothaker of Wyandotte county as superintendent of the asylum for the blind and A. A. Stewart of Riley county as superintendent of the asylum for the deaf and dumb. The latter gets his old position from which he was removed by the Republican board two years ago. J. M. Hart of Shawnee county will be chosen superintendent of the reform

Canker Worms at Work.

LAWRENCE, Kan., May 15 .- The fruit and shade trees in the neighborhood of Lawrence are being stripped of their foliage by the ravages of the canker worm. Chancellor Snow of Kansas University says the worm is common in the east and that its work of damage has only just commenced in eastern Kansas. He recommends Paris green or London purple as a spray to destroy the pest. Many young trees have been completely killed already by the worm.

Testing a Spitting Law.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 15 .-- W. D. Bradford, a millionaire, has been sentenced to twenty-four hours' imprisonment in the county jail for violating the civic ordinance prohibiting expectorating on the floor of street cars. This was Bradbury's second offense. He claims the privilege of spitting when and where he pleases as an inalienable American privilege and will make a test case of his punishment.

New Nall and Wire Trust. PITTSBURG, Pa., May 15 .- Manufacturers of wire nails, wire and rods are about to form a grand combination to control the market for all three products. If the new combination is a go, it will practically drive out all competition in the manufacture of wire nails. All the firms who were in the nail pool have signified their willingness to enter the new combination.

A Presentiment That Panned Out-FORT SCOTT, Kan., May 15 .- Mrs. Sousana Latterner yesterday had a presentiment of death and took her daughter-in-law to an upstairs room and designated in what clothes she desired to be buried. Shortly afterward she was stricken with what the doctors call heart disease and within an

hour was dead. Papers Fined for Contempt.

LONDON, May 15 .- According to a dispatch to the Times from Melbourne all four of the daily papers in Sydney have been fined \$500 each for contempt of court, consisting of improper com-ment upon the trial of Frank Butler, the Australian bush murderer, which is now pending.

To the Pen for Hiding a Bill. HELENA, Mont., May 15 .- Secretary

of the Senate John Bloor was convicted by a jury of having secreted the 'salary bill" to prevent its passage the last night of the session, and the punishment fixed at one year's imprisonment. Record Breaking Ocean Speed.

QUEENSTOWN, May 15.-The Cunard line steamship Lucania arrived here vesterday, after a passage of five days, fourteen hours and fifty-four minutes, during which, over the distance steamed, 2,949 knots, she made the best time on record, 21.50 knots per

Nevada Shaken by an Earthquake.

RENO, Nev., May 15 .- A severe shock of earthquake was felt here last evening about 6 o'clock, lasting several moments. The vibration was from north to south.

Bold Bootlegging. FORT SCOTT, Kan., May 15 .- C. E.

Carroll of Fulton, Kan., was arrested last evening, charged with bootlegging whisky at the door of the court house office of County Attordey Shepard, who recently closed the saloons